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SUBJECT: EYEWITNESS REPORTS ENCOUNTER WITH CIVILIAN MILITIA  
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¶1. (SBU) A long-time Embassy contact (a Peuhl) told A/DCM on October 7 that he had personally seen a group of 40 civilian militias exit from Camp Alpha Yaya on September 28 at approximately 1300. According to source, these civilians were naked from the waist up, sported tattoos on their bodies, and wore red bandanas around their heads. He identified them as Forestiers. They were carrying machetes, hammers, pieces of wood, and other make-shift weapons. The militias appeared to have received some training as they marched in a tight formation. They were reportedly escorted by four Red Berets who were shooting their guns "horizontally."

¶2. (SBU) With the soldiers firing their guns, source hid behind a building as the militia exited the camp. After they passed, he found six wounded people who he helped to obtain medical treatment. None of these victims had bullet wounds, but had been severely beaten. He later saw the body of a 16 year old youth, Boubacar Doumboya, who had been apparently gunned down in front of the shop where he worked as a hairdresser. Source claimed the militia group was responsible for these casualties.

¶3. (SBU) Source confirmed reports of similar violence in Cosa (a predominantly Peuhl neighborhood) September 28-30. He said the militias were seeking out demonstrators on the 28th in order to beat them up, and in some cases, kill them. As night fell, the militia turned to looting, which reportedly continued for the next two nights. As they roamed the neighborhood, they were accompanied by a vehicle with a stereo playing loud music. The militias reportedly chanted "Dadis, Dadis, Dadis." Source also claimed that the militias were making ethnic threats, saying that they would kill the Peuhls.

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¶4. (SBU) Embassy continues to hear reports of what contacts are calling a civilian militia, which they claim is responsible for the violence that took place September 28-30 in Guinea, along with the Presidential Guard (Red Berets).  
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